Enclosed are:

JOHN R. MATTINGLY*

DANIEL J. STANGER SHRINATH MALUR*

GENE W. STOCKMAN

Registered Patent Agent

* Bar Membership Other Than Virginia

JEFFREY M. KETCHUM

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW 1800 DIAGONAL ROAD, SUITE 370 ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314 PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAW FACSIMILE: (703) 684-1157

(703) 684-1120





Date: November 16, 2001

Attorney Docket No. NIT-308

- To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231
- Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: A. SANADA et al (see attached)

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RENTAL STORAGE SYSTEM

X	12 Sheets o	f Drawings						
X	This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.							
X	Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-11761 filed April 17, 2001 X A certified copy is att						d her	rewith.
	Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.							
	A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.							
X	Specification: AbstractX, Description27_ pages; and20_ claim(s).							
X	Preliminary Amendment.							
	Executed Declaration	on.						
The filing	fee is calculated as s	hown below:	Small Entity			Large Entity		
For:	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	OR	Rate		Fee
Basic Fee)			\$ 370			\$	740
Total Cla	ims 20 -20=	* 0	x 9	\$		x 18	\$	0
Indep Cla	ims 7 - 3 =	* 4	x 42	\$		× 84	\$	336
Multiple Dependent Claim (s)			+ 140			. 200		0

* If difference is less than zero then enter '0' in second column

A check in the amount of \$

X

1,0<u>76.00</u>

is enclosed for the filing fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully Submitted,

By:

John R. Mattingly Registration No. 30/293

Total

\$ 1,076